

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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17. (New) A forehead support adapted to be secured to a respiratory mask, said forehead support comprising:

a joining member for securing to the mask; and

a cushion frame provided to the joining member, wherein

the cushion frame is adapted to locate one or more forehead cushions, and

the cushion frame includes a depressable push button, the push button being structured and configured to selectively lock the cushion frame in at least one predetermined position relative to the joining member.

18. (New) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame is T-shaped and includes a forehead cushion at each end of the upper portion of the T.

19. (New) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein one of the cushion frame or joining member includes a tongue adapted to be received in one of at least two grooves provided on the other of the cushion frame or joining member so as to lock the cushion frame and joining member at one of a plurality of predetermined positions.

20. (New) The support as claimed in claim 19, wherein the tongue is provided on the cushion frame and at least two pairs of grooves are provided on the joining member.

21. (New) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein the cushion frame pivots relative to the joining member about an axis and the tongue and grooves extend in a direction substantially parallel to a line extending radially from the axis.

22. (New) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein the cushion frame pivots relative to the joining member about an axis and the tongue and grooves extend in a direction angled with respect to a line extending radially from the axis.

23. (New) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein the tongue is provided on a semi-rigid member which is adapted to permit the tongue to be moved out of engagement with a respective one of the grooves by manual manipulation of the semi-rigid member.

24. (New) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein said push button is adapted to protrude from the cushion frame to facilitate manual manipulation of the member.

25. (New) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame includes a head strap connector.

26. (New) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the joining member is produced from polypropylene or polycarbonate.

27. (New) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame is produced from polypropylene or polycarbonate.

28. (New) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame and the joining member are integrally formed and connected by an integral hinge that allows relative movement there between.

29. (New) A respiratory mask assembly comprising:
a respiratory mask; and
a forehead support secured to the mask, said forehead support including a joining member secured to the mask and a cushion frame provided to the joining member, wherein the cushion frame is adapted to locate one or more forehead cushions, and the cushion frame includes a depressable push button, the push button being structured and configured to selectively lock the cushion frame in at least one predetermined position relative to the joining member.

30. (New) A locking mechanism for locking a forehead support of a facial mask, the forehead support including moveable T-bar and a joining member secured to the mask, the locking mechanism comprising:

(i) a cantilevered member structured to be fixed at a first end to the T-bar, the cantilevered member being adapted to flex between a first and a second angular positions,
(ii) a button member molded to a second end of the cantilevered member and projecting generally at right angles from the cantilevered member;

(iii) a tongue member molded to the second end of the cantilevered member and having a first shape; and

(iv) at least one groove having a generally complementary shape to the tongue member and adapted to receive the tongue member;

whereby the locking mechanism is adapted to lock the position of the T-bar relative to the mask when the tongue is in a first engaging position and to allow the T-bar to move relative to the mask when the tongue is in a second disengaged position.